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## France

## Tree Nuts

## Semi-Annual

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### Report Highlights:

**Despite smaller than expected French production. U.S. walnuts were less competitive during the marketing year due to the strength of the U.S. dollar. , French exports rose more than 10 percent. French walnuts exports to EU markets increased in MY 2001/2002. Howevern imports of in-shell walnuts, mostly from the United States remained marginal. No other significant changes have occured since the August 2001 annual report**

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Includes PSD changes: Yes

Includes Trade Matrix: No

Semi-Annual Report

Paris [FR1], FR

## Executive Summary

No significant changes to report since annual report (FR1054) of August 2001, production estimates have been adjusted to be slightly lower than previously estimated, due to losses at harvest time.

According to trade contacts, French walnuts exports until the end of MY 2000/2001 and into MY 2001/2002 remained buoyant, driven by the high value of the U.S. dollar that make U.S. walnuts less competitive than French walnuts. Imports of shelled walnuts also increased sharply, mainly from low labor-cost countries, driven by a strong demand from the food industry. Imports of in-shell walnuts, mostly from the United States, remained marginal. Domestic consumption has also remained sluggish, due to the weather conditions, and an increased competition from exotic fruits, which are now widely available on most retail stores.

PSD Table						
Country	France					
Commodity	Walnuts, Inshell Basis				(HA)(1000 TREES)(MT)	
	Revised	2000	Preliminary	2001	Forecast	2002
	Old	New	Old	New	Old	New
Market Year Begin		10/2000		10/2001		10/2002
Area Planted	18600	18600	18600	18600	18600	18600
Area Harvested	13600	13600	13600	13600	13600	13600
Bearing Trees	1360	1360	1360	1360	1360	1360
Non-Bearing Trees	500	500	500	500	500	500
Total Trees	1860	1860	1860	1860	1860	1860
Beginning Stocks	0	0	0	0	0	0
Production	27800	25600	28000	26000	27000	27000
Imports	12200	13300	12000	15500	12000	16000
TOTAL SUPPLY	40000	38900	40000	41500	39000	43000
Exports	23000	23000	21000	25000	21000	26000
Domestic Consumption	17000	15900	19000	16500	18000	17000
Ending Stocks	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL DISTRIBUTION	40000	38900	40000	41500	39000	43000